

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On Page 3, please replace the second paragraph after the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings" with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 1 shows the dependence of the service life of a dual-material friction bearing on the average load in a characteristic curve which illustrates the number of load changes until bearing metal breakage under different loads, and

On Page 3, please replace the third paragraph after the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings" with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 2 shows the wear and tear of a cover layer made of a sliding lacquer based on molybdenum sulfide on the basis of characteristic lines representative of the wear-induced decrease of thickness of the cover layer over the load time of a predetermined load, and

On Page 3, before the heading "Description of the Preferred Embodiment" please add the following new paragraph:

Fig. 3 shows a friction bearing according to the invention in schematic section.

On Page 4, after the last paragraph, please add the following new paragraph:

Fig. 3 shows a friction bearing with a metallic support shell 1 on which a slide layer 2 made of a bearing metal is applied. Slide layer 2 carries a cover layer 3 which serves as a running layer and whose thickness corresponds at most to the wear of the cover layer that can be expected during the average service life of slide layer 2.